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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Robert Cairns**  
**Special Assistant to the**  
**Assistant Secretary of Defense**  
**for Research and Development**

**SUBJECT: War Documents Project**

1. Reference is made to a staff study by the above title and dated January 27, 1955 which made inquiry regarding the needs of the agencies involved in National Security matters for research to be produced out of the Departmental Records Branch AGO, Army Alexandria, Virginia (captured records section). Subsequently, there was also disseminated a list of possible projects which might be undertaken from that file (dated February 11 and prepared by Hans Epstein).

2. The present exploitation of intelligence materials in this document file is conducted [redacted]  
[redacted] After full consideration of the interest of this Agency as well as the reported interests of other members of the Social Science Research Group, CIA has concluded that [redacted]  
[redacted] should be terminated May 15 as far as CIA is concerned. Our investigation now shows that by internal arrangements CIA can make provision for meeting its special requirements which are not coincident with those submitted by other agencies.

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3. It is understood, however, that the Office of the Chief of Psychological Warfare, Army has requirements which would require about 30 man-months to meet and that [redacted] on contract with the Air Force has some minor requirements. It may

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be that CIA can arrange to meet Defense needs on a reimbursement basis. This may be explored through James Q. Reber of this office.

4. Under the arrangements which we propose to use in meeting our needs, we would, of course, make such distribution of the finished products as is appropriate.

SIGNED

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for Planning and Coordination

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